

441—166.3 (249A) Requirements for applicants. Eligible entities wishing to apply for quality improvement initiative grants must meet the following requirements:

166.3(1) Eligible entities may submit an application on behalf of a specific facility, on behalf of a group of facilities, or on behalf of a stakeholder group. However, grant funds awarded shall be distributed to one distinct entity that shall be contractually responsible for the funds.

166.3(2) The applicant must demonstrate the capacity to carry out the initiative for which the grant is requested.

166.3(3) At the time of the application, a facility applicant must not have:

- a.* Any pending enforcement actions that could result in the closure of the facility;
- b.* Any outstanding sanctions by the Iowa Medicaid enterprise or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; or
- c.* Any outstanding or unresolved Class I violations.

166.3(4) An applicant previously awarded a quality improvement initiative grant that failed to achieve that initiative's intended goals or outcomes shall be ineligible to apply for a period of five years following that grant award. However, a grant may be considered if the applicant's inability to complete the initiative was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

166.3(5) An applicant may receive a maximum of two grants within a five-year period.

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